



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, D.C. 20231
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/929,267	08/14/2001	Hans-Wulf Pfeiffer	03466-P0001B	9985

24126 7590 01/28/2003

ST. ONGE STEWARD JOHNSTON & REENS, LLC
986 BEDFORD STREET
STAMFORD, CT 06905-5619

EXAMINER

DERRINGTON, JAMES H

ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER

1731

DATE MAILED: 01/28/2003

8


Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The reply filed on Nov 18, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The arguments presented at page 4 are not fully responsive to the rejection of JP04108675 in view of Rice (5,228,245) as presented in the previous office action (note particularly the disclosure of JP04108675 as presented in the paragraph bridging pages 2-3 of the previous office action). From applicant's remarks and arguments it is clear that applicant has responded to the disclosure of JP401145367 but not the reference cited and discussed in the rejection i.e. JP04108675. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James Derrington whose telephone number is 703 308-3832. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am - 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Griffin can be reached on 703 308-1164. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703 305-7718 for regular communications and 703 872-9311 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703 308 0661.


JAMES DERRINGTON
PRIMARY EXAMINER
ART UNIT ~~137~~ 1731